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AL-QADHDHAFI SPEAKS ON JANDUBAH ANNIVERSARY

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[Text] The leader of the revolution, Brother Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, tonight attended a huge popular rally which was held at Al-Asabi' to commemorate the famous Jandubah battle waged by our ancestors against the legions of the fascist Italian invasion.

When the leader of the revolution arrived at the ceremony, the huge crowd which had been gathering there since early morning received him with resounding cheers for the continuity of the revolution and the leader in order to achieve the aims of the masses in freedom, socialism and unity.

Amid the cheers of the masses for the long life of the great revolution and its leader and detonator, Brother Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, the leader of the revolution delivered a speech. At the beginning of the speech he paid homage to the souls of the martyrs of the Libyan Arab struggle and said: The immortal battle of Jandubah remained forgotten for over 60 years, until the decisive battle for the Libyan Arab people's freedom took place. This decisive battle is the Al-Fatih [1 September] battle which recalled the Jandubah battle and other battles of the Libyan struggle.

He asserted that the great Al-Fatih is considered a new opening for freedom, a new opening for industrialization, agrarian reform and progress in this land. He said: There are scores of battles like Jandubah in which our fathers and forefathers fought and were martyred--battles which were concealed and deliberately forgotten by the defunct regime, which indicates that the battles of Al-Jihad were activated only after the great Al-Fatih.

He contended that there was a conspiracy against the existence and history of this people--a conspiracy which was engineered and led by the vagabonds in the defunct regime whose era came to an end after the morning of the great Al-Fatih dawned. He said that concealing the battles of Al-Jihad in the defunct regime means that the Libyan people were not free to express their existence and history. He added that the masses who are today commemorating the Jandubah battle are the masses who proceeded freely after the great Al-Fatih to confirm their presence and to reformulate their history.

At the end of his address, the leader of the revolution saluted the masses of the Libyan Arab people in Chiryan and the neighboring areas who, by commemorating the the battles of Al-Jihad, confirmed their conscious commitment to the history of our people and the procession of their struggle along the course of freedom, socialism and unity.

AL-QADHDHAFI RECEIVES GOMA; JOINT STATEMENT

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[Text] Tripoli, LAR, April 29, ARNA--Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, chairman of the Revolution Command Council received at the R.C.C. premises here yesterday the visiting Congolese Prime Minister Major Louis Sylvain Goma and the Congolese Foreign Affairs Minister Theophile Obenga.

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OPPOSITION TO LEBANESE ELECTION DENOUNCED

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[From "We and the World" program]

[Excerpts] Those who are following the events in Lebanon expect Saturday to witness the process of electing a new president of the republic. This constitutes a major step along the path of establishing stability and spreading security in Lebanon. The plan to elect the new president on Saturday is new proof that, due to the Syrian initiative, Lebanon has been able to proceed successfully toward ending the fighting. This has disturbed some parties because the bloody events provided them with an atmosphere to achieve their opportunist gains at the expense of the Lebanese people and the unity of its territory.

Fixing a date for electing the new president robbed these parties of their ability to act and prevented them from implementing some of their suspect plans, which assumed the form of local administration and rule. Fixing a date for electing the new president has also robbed them of their ability to maneuver and impose their conditions so that a candidate which they alone accept could be nominated. They forget that they constitute one of the Lebanese sides, not all. To cause confusion and ambiguity in the election campaign, these parties began raising marginal issues which have no connection whatsoever with the main issue preoccupying the Lebanese. They forget what they said in the past about the necessity to thwart all suspect plans directed against the security of Lebanon, its unity and stability—plans which went to the extent of partitioning Lebanon.

It is regrettable that when executive steps were adopted to implement these parties' demands and a date was fixed for the election, they began insisting that the election session not be rushed. They began to assert the existence of a foreign plan which aims at influencing the progress of the election campaign and imposing a certain point of view.

Is it not regrettable that prevarication and shortsightedness should reach the extent of considering the setting of a date for electing the president of the republic, who will prepare the ground for ending the crisis and save Lebanon from its ordeal, as foreign interference in Lebanese affairs—at a time when statements praising the efforts of U.S. envoy Brown and his good understanding of the Lebanese problem are considered the essence of domestic affairs in Lebanes?

DEFENSE MINISTER RECEIVES PAKISTANI DELEGATION

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[Excerpts] Damascus--The deputy commander of the army and the armed forces and defense minister, Maj Gen Mustafa Talas, received at his office this evening the delegation of the Pakistani Air Staff College now visiting Syria under Air Commodore Izad Ahmad Khan. During these meetings, cordial talks were exchanged expressing the solid friendship existing between the Syrian Arab and Pakistani forces. The head and members of the delegation of the Pakistani Air Staff College praised the accomplishments of our armed forces during their long struggle against the usurping enemy, and expressed admiration for the high combat standard achieved. They also wished our Syrian Arab Army continued progress and the achievement of more victories over the racist Zionist enemy.